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From: **Stephen Miller** swmiller1372@gmail.com  
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 Date: March 7, 2017 at 10:55 PM  
 To: RAPesq@aol.com

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From: **grant smrekar** grantsmrekar@gmail.com  
Subject: Brandon Wagner sentencing  
Date: March 7, 2017 at 11:10 AM  
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Johnny Witmer  
Hollywood, CA

3-8-17

Dear Judger Boyko,

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Thank You,  
Jim Hill



From: **James Hill** jhillrollwithit@gmail.com  
Subject: Brandon Wagner  
Date: March 8, 2017 at 6:59 AM  
To: RAPesq@aol.com



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Sent from my iPhone

3-8-17

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Michael J D'Amico  
Long Beach, CA



From: **Michael D'Amico** michaeljdamico777@gmail.com  
Subject: Brandon Wagner  
Date: March 8, 2017 at 12:04 AM  
To: RAPesq@aol.com

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Sent from my iPhone

3-7-17

Dear Judge Boyko,

Hello, your Honor. I am writing you about my friend Brandon Wagner. I have known Brandon Wagner and his mother since my family moved to Berea in the late eighties. Brandon's mother was my school bus driver. Brandon has always been a solid guy that many friends could count on. Brandon has always had a positive personality. He always had a way of making friends laugh and generally just have a good time. I moved out of Berea in 1996, years had passed before I came back to Cleveland, but when I returned in early 2000 I saw Brandon and he was still that guy from Berea that would help anyone out that needed him if it was fixing your car, or your motorcycle Brandon would do his best to help you out if he could do so. I know Brandon has struggled with addiction as it has taken his life in the most negative direction. Brandon was always trying to beat his addiction and at times he was above it all. If Brandon found out any of his friends were struggling with drugs he would pull them aside and tell them the horrors of addiction in hopes that they would take another path, Brandon was selfless in that way. Brandon is truly a loyal, caring, and compassionate person that would do anything for anyone. Brandon comes from such a loving mother that has done everything to love and help her son. I could spend all day writing about all the experiences I had with Brandon, but I know that I can't. Judge Boyko thank you for reading my letter. I hope that you take mercy on Brandon he is such a good guy.

Sincerely,

Angel L Feckner



From: **angel Feckner** angelivy88@msn.com  
Subject: Judge Boyko  
Date: March 7, 2017 at 11:32 PM  
To: RAPesq@aol.com

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Dear Judge Boyko,

My name is Dean Lanigan and I am a long time friend of Brandon Wagner. I have known Brandon for about 30 years. In this time we have been co-workers, band mates, roommates, and good friends. I have gone through a lot of what Brandon has. We've traveled the same path for many years. Unfortunately (yet fortunately for me) he fell back into a pattern that I managed to stay out of for 9 years now. He has never stopped being a friend. Brandon has a good heart and has a beautiful daughter that he adores. He unfortunately also has demons which I have seen him overcome in the past. I believe Brandon could better his life given the proper chance. I believe a long prison sentence will only end up for the worse. Both his family and his daughter deserve the chance to see the real Brandon again. Please take what I say into consideration. Brandon is not a hardened criminal... Yet. Let's try to prevent this by giving him one more chance at a productive life in society. This is what I, and anyone who actually knows and cares about him believes is the answer. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Dean Lanigan



From: dean l thelanigan77@gmail.com  
Subject: Brandon Wagner  
Date: March 7, 2017 at 5:26 PM  
To: RAPesq@aol.com

DL

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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Dean Lanigan

Dear Judge Boyko,

Hello, Your Honor. I am writing to tell you about the Brandon Wagner that I know.

I went to Berea High School with Brandon. He and I had many mutual friends (we still do), and I remember him always being a good guy. He was nice and respectful and funny and cool. Hence, he was very popular with everyone, from many different walks of life, and had a ton of good, respectable friends. Literally EVERYONE liked Brandon.

I graduated from Berea High in 1992 and went to directly to Kent State University through 1996. I did not see Brandon during that time. After Kent State I moved to Tampa, Florida with my family in 1997, and I lived there for seven years. I did not visit Cleveland during that time (1997-2004) but, as all Clevelanders do, I maintained a relationship with my friends from grade school.

I missed Cleveland and my friends terribly, so in 2004 I moved back to my dear hometown. Naturally, Brandon and I still had the same circle of friends.

Shortly after my return to Cleveland I ran into Brandon. "This" Brandon had developed a serious drug problem. However, it was strange to me because he was still the same Brandon that I'd known for all these years. He was still kind, nice, and gentle. The only difference was that THIS Brandon was addicted to drugs. His longtime friends were still by his side, trying to help him through his addiction in any way possible. My point is that, even in his despair, he never lost his friends. He was still the same "good guy" that we all knew for years and years, and no one was giving up on him.

On August 23, 2009 I was bit in the face by a Pitbull/Rottweiler mix. Two surgeries and 300 stitches later, my face has healed wonderfully. However, I was prescribed Percocet after my first surgery and I developed a strong addiction to opiates.

I know how powerful these drugs are, from personal experience. I know how they, somehow, take over and become everything. I remember being in the throes of my addiction. Somehow Brandon found out, presumably through our many mutual friends, and he contacted me. He asked what was going on with me, and I was honest with him. He and I talked for a while as he told me about some of his horrible experiences. He urged me to get help, and I trusted that he was giving me good advice because he could, unfortunately, relate to the way I was feeling. I believe, in my heart, that he was trying to protect me.

I went to inpatient rehabilitation at Glenbeigh three times over two years. Only by the grace of God, I am proud to say that I have been drug free since February 2012.

Brandon did not have the same opportunities I did. He did not have access to intense, inpatient rehabilitation. I still have friends that I met in rehab, who are still sober, ONLY because of the counseling and rehabilitation we received. I wish that Brandon had been given that chance.

I thank you for reading my letter, and I hope it may shed some insight into Brandon Wagner, THE Brandon Wagner that we all know.

Respectfully,

Bryna S. Wesley



Honorable Judge Christopher Boyko,

I am writing in support of Brandon Wagner, as a childhood friend with many great memories of a young man who touched many lives in a positive light. I recall Brandon as a kind and generous young person, with a humble demeanor, who was always there for his friends when in need. We shared a love of skateboarding and music, and we spent many days engaging in these activities, all the while laughing and sharing good natured jokes.

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I have spent the last 17 years being a champion of students who have struggled in the difficult social environment that traditional schools can be. I feel comfortable serving students who struggle in these settings, in part due to the standard set by Brandon when we were just kids ourselves. I am forever grateful for his example, and it has shaped my professional career. I have completed two Master's Degrees in an effort to better serve students who have been left behind more effectively, and will continue to do this important work which began with a friend reminding myself and others that there is value in everyone's life. Again, I thank Brandon for his maturity and empathy during an important time in my life.

Thank You,

Jay Liedel  
Lead Teacher  
On-Site Program  
Stark County Educational Service Center

From: **Jay Liedel** jayliedel@yahoo.com   
Subject: Letter for Brandon Wagner  
Date: March 8, 2017 at 7:48 AM  
To: RAPesq@aol.com



Hi, I am including this letter here and will attach as a word doc. Please let me know if you need anything else. Thank you! Jay Liedel

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March 7, 2017

The Honorable Christopher A. Boyko  
Carl B. Stokes United States Courthouse  
801 West Superior Ave. Courtroom 15B  
Cleveland, OH 44113

RE: United States of America vs. Brandon Wagner

Dear Judge Boyko,

I have known Brandon since we were 3 yrs. old. Over 40 years. I know that he is a good person that has been addicted to Heroin and Alcohol since his teen years. I am hoping that with some leniency on his sentencing, that he may be able to recover from his addiction as I myself and many others have. He has a very good Family and a great support group behind him. In 2002 I was sentenced to probation on a drug related charge, and have been clean and sober since. I hope that it is not too late for Brandon to have this same opportunity of recovery. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Chuck Uhler  
3445 Palmer Dr.  
Rocky River, Ohio 44116  
(216)702-8838

From: **Matt Bishop** mattlbishop@hotmail.com  
Subject: Dear Judge Boyko RE: Brandon Wagner  
Date: March 7, 2017 at 4:31 PM  
To: RAPesq@aol.com

MB

Your Honour,

This letter is regards to the character of Brandon Wagner. I have known Brandon for six years. In that time I have known Brandon to be a kind, personable and very talented individual. Any problems that he might have had were never encouraged or brought into our relationship. I have known Brandon to be a good person and I am sure if given a chance he can turn his life around and possibly help others with the same issue.

Thank you for your time.

Matthew Bishop  
Friend thru music and skateboarding  
Windsor, Ontario Canada

Dear Judge Boyko:

March 7, 2017

My name is Michael Lohrman and I put in a fairly average amount of effort into the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. I say 'average' because there is only one scale of judging how an individual fares at it- if a person does the average amount of work they stay sober, if they put in less than average they get drunk. I have been sober for 11 years. I feel that I have had to work hard at getting to a level where I can be an integral part of society and the community around me and through all of that hard work I feel secure to land at an 'average' place- a man among men, a worker among workers. I have a 9-5 desk job, a mortgage payment, a lovely wife, two beautiful daughters, two dogs and a station wagon. I maintain my standings in all the aforementioned areas by applying the principles of the 12 steps to them and by staying active in the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. I'm very grateful to be where I'm at today because it hasn't always been this way. I was at a spot in my life when I didn't think there was any other way out and I found that, contingent on a few simple tasks, there was a path to an infinitely more fulfilling way of life. Unfortunately, many I have tried to help find this new way of life haven't been able to do what it takes to stay the course and reap the benefits of their efforts. It's a brutal disease...

My primary purpose as a recovering alcoholic is to stay sober and help others to achieve sobriety. In doing so, it helps me stay sober by reminding me of where I come from, and constantly refreshing the 12 steps in me while walking others through them. But, as I mentioned in the paragraph above, not many make it...I believe most of them fail because they cannot grasp what the benefits are to following through with what I now consider to be a few simple tasks: call their sponsor every morning, complete the reading and writing assignments in conjunction with the step they are working on in a timely manner, commit to a regular meeting schedule of 90 meetings in the first 90 days and no less than four meetings a week after and to pick up at least one commitment at those meetings. Doesn't seem like too much to ask of a person who's life is literally dependent on following through on those things, does it? If you are familiar with the disease of alcoholism and drug addiction and the low percentage rate of people who combat it and succeed to even the relatively low number of five years, then you certainly aren't surprised when I say that it seems to be way too much to ask of them....and they subsequently pay the consequences of their actions, or lack of actions, depending on how you see it. On that note, I am in no way attempting to sway you into the thinking that Brandon should NOT pay the consequences for his actions- I have found that taking responsibility for my own actions helped me not to repeat them in the future- and I feel that it is essential for his growth and maturity. From what I have gathered about his current situation, he's in quite a bit of hot water. Now, I haven't been informed of all the details, but what I do know is that he was under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol. This disease owns people and, at least out here in California, the jails and institutions are overcrowded with inmates. The majority of which are alcoholics and drug addicts. It may be worth considering a drug and alcohol treatment program for Brandon. There may be one available to him in prison. There may be something merit system that he and the judicial system can work with. I'm not sure what the options out there are, but given the chance, he may be able to grasp this thing and turn his life around. The statistics prove that his chances of doing so are not that good, but I feel it's worth a try. I hope that you will, at the very least, put some time and consideration into what I've mentioned above.

It might not seem like that big of a deal, but it certainly is to me- I have buried people that failed to follow through with these simple steps. I still have a steady stream of mail to people in prison who failed to follow these steps. But, I have rarely seen a person who continues to follow these steps return to the ways that put them in this position in the first place.

I was given a chance and Alcoholics Anonymous saved my life. I continue to do these seemingly simple things because the results are real for me and my life keeps getting better. In doing so, not only do I get to stay sober and continue to grow, but I get to watch people do the same and see that the results are real for others as well.

Thank you for your time in reading this as it has sincerely been a pleasure to write it. If you have any questions about anything, please do not hesitate to call.



From: **Michael Lohrman** mikel@epicuren.com   
Subject: **Brandon Wagner Testimonial**  
Date: **March 7, 2017 at 3:55 PM**  
To: RAPesq@aol.com

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Please see attached and forward to Judge Boyko. Thank you.

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3-3-2017

Judge Christopher Boyko  
Carl B. Stokes US Court House  
801 West Superior Ave. Rm. 1513  
Cleveland, OH 44113

Re: Brandon Wagner

My name is Kirk Raieck. I've been a friend of Brandon Wagner for 15 years. He is a very intelligent, knowledgeable man. A loving son and father. He is very business minded. And a skilled craftsman in motorcycle repair-rebuilds. He is a man's man. Someone always there to lend a helping hand. Unfortunately he fell victim to drugs. And have struggled with them for years. In fact this case, in you court room is a result of them. we've had long, deep conversations about mental health and drug issues. He knows he suffers with both diseases. He wants and needs treatment for both. He says he paid a high price for such a low life. He understands with treatment how much better a person can be in his community and home life. He wants to move forward with his life with the help of family, friends, and treatment. Your Honor I ask for your leniency. I believe that an extended prison term, would be a tremendous hardship for him, his mother, daughter, family, and friends. Thank you for your help and support with Brandon Wagner in this important matter.

Sincerely,  
(a very heart broken friend)  
Kirk C. Raieck



Re: Brandon Wagner

Judge Christopher Boyko 3/3/2017  
Carl B Stokes U.S. Courthouse  
801 West Superior Ave. Room 1513  
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

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Sincerely  
(A Day & Night Broken Friend)  
Rick C. Gaieck

3-1-17

Dear Judge Boyko,

Brandon Wagner has been my friend since I was 21 years old. He is compassionate, intelligent, funny, generous, and talented. He also struggles with an addiction that has wreaked havoc on his life. He is not a drug dealer, he is and addict.

I write to you with respect and ask that when you consider his future, you might be able to see him as the man I know him to be. In my younger years, he was there for me in times when I was feeling very hurt. He never exposed me to danger, and he was there for me as a best friend when others weren't. More recently, upon learning that my hours at work had been cut and as Christmas was approaching, he collected toys that his daughter no longer used and gave them to me as gifts for my son so that he would have more to open on Christmas morning. My son struggles to connect with his peers sometimes and Brandon was a person who listened to him express all his interests in Japanese culture and obscure tv shows with great patience and sensitivity. My son still asks about him, and the skate board Brandon had told him he would build and show him how to use.

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Respectfully,  
Jenna Prestigomo

From: Jenna Prestigomo jenna.prestigomo@rocketmail.com  
Subject: character letter Brandon Wagner  
Date: March 1, 2017 at 7:25 AM  
To: RAPesq@aol.com

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Respectfully,  
Jenna Prestigomo

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)



Roger A. Belagalli Co., LPA

6659 Pearl Rd. Suite 401

Parma Heights, OH 44130

Concerning: Brandon Wagner

My name is Jon Hartle. I am 70 years old. I am retired and not in good health. Yard work has become a hard task for me. Brandon Wagner's mother and daughter live across the street from us and are good friends to us.

One day Brandon saw me trying to cut my lawn and came over and said he would do it. When I went to pay him he said "no thanks". (I stuffed the money in his pocket anyways) He has done our lawn many times and walks over to put our trash and recycle cans away.

My double garage was filled so bad you could not park in it. Brandon offered to help me clean it. He ended up doing all the work. This was a week-long project.

He has always been very polite and hard working at our home. He has been the kind of neighbor, we are proud to know. Brandon was a good partner to work with. I judge this from 45 years as an Operating Engineer/Field Service Mechanic /Instructor.

Jon G. Hartle

160 The Mall

Berea OH 44017

2-26-17

Dear Judge Boyko,

I am writing as a character witness for the impending trial of Brandon Wagner. He and I have known each other since he was about 18-years-old. We met through skateboarding and the music scene in Cleveland, Ohio. Brandon is one of the most creative individuals that I have ever known. He plays musical instruments, makes his own clothes, writes, draws, and holds a conversation that's second to none. Our friendship grew throughout the years, and he was always there for me when I needed him. Most importantly, he always makes me laugh.

As with many creative types, he ended up with the vices he could not control; mainly, the curse of the addiction disease.

Addiction is a tough illness to address. The steps to curb it are not easy, and when one ends up in the system- it doesn't seem to help. I am always saddened when people cannot "clean up" because our society doesn't give them the proper means to recover. My brother has gone through the same thing, along with the willingness, he needed a lot of money to get clean. Brandon has been caught in the vicious circle of said "system" most of his adult life.

Brandon is not violent. He is passive and has a heart filled with love. He has a disease that may have lead him down the road of destruction, but it hasn't turned him into a vindictive person. He needs positive role models to help him recover and refocus on creative outlets; not a lengthy prison sentence that could just lead him to dead end.

Thank you for your time.

Best,

Rita Kassak

From: **R. Kassak** [kassak.rita@gmail.com](mailto:kassak.rita@gmail.com)  
Subject: Brandon Wagner - Judge Boyko  
Date: February 26, 2017 at 4:06 PM  
To: [RAPesq@aol.com](mailto:RAPesq@aol.com)

RK

Dear Judge Boyko,

I am writing as a character witness for the impending trial of Brandon Wagner. He and I have known each other since he about 18-years-old. We met through skateboarding and the music scene in Cleveland, Ohio. Brandon is one of the most creative individuals that I have ever known. He plays musical instruments, makes his own clothes, writes, draws and holds a conversation that's second to none. Our friendship grew throughout the years, and he was always there for me when I needed him. Most importantly, he always makes me laugh.

As with many creative types, he ended up with vices that he could not control; mainly, the curse the addiction disease.

Addiction is a tough illness to address. The steps to curb it are not easy, and when one ends up in the system - it doesn't seem to help. I am always saddened when people cannot "clean up" because our society doesn't give them the proper means to recovery. My brother has gone through the same thing, and along with the willingness, he needed a lot of money to get clean. Brandon has been caught in the vicious circle of said "system" most of his adult life.

Brandon is not violent. He is passive and has a heart filled with love. He has a disease that may have lead him down the road of destruction, but it hasn't turned him into a vindictive person. He needs positive role models to help him recover and refocus on creative outlets; not a lengthy prison sentence that could just lead him to a dead end.

Thank you for your time.

Best,

- Rita Kassak  
[Rita Kassak](#)  
[I.A.T.S.E Local 44](#)  
[Buyer \\* Set Dresser \\* Prop Assist](#)



3-2-2017

Dear Judge Boyko,

I am writing in regards to Brandon Wagner. I will say I have only seen Brandon about 3 times in my life, but he is a friend of my daughter as well as my boss. I have known of Brandon's mother for years and years. Berea is a very small town where everyone knows everyone. Brandon about 2 years ago had my daughters back and he protected her and never broke that promise that he made her. As I don't personally know him that still means something to me. My daughter's name is Antoinette aka as Anty.

I work as a volunteer for Berea safe passage program along with Ohio PAARI program that is where if you are a addict and you want help you can walk into the Berea police station and ask they will send you away to a rehab. This problem has taking over all states, and families. It's very scary out in the world today for anyone at any age. Addiction is very hard for the young of Ohio its everywhere and doesn't seem to be stopping anytime soon. Ohio is #1 in the US SAD!!!

I see Brandon as a friend, a father, and a son, along with a talent musician. Most of all I see him as a friend and I hear how my daughter will always remind me that he had her back. A man of his word and promise means to me that he is a good person. Most addicts are they just need to me given the right tools.

Thank you for your time and who ever reads this can someone please tell Brandon that my kid remembers his promise and she's now in her first years of nursing school and hello as well.

Lisa Emling  
Berea, Ohio  
440-341-1030

From: Lisa M Emling (Energy - 5) lisa.m.emling@dom.com  
Subject: Brandon Wagner  
Date: March 2, 2017 at 1:28 PM  
To: RAPesq@aol.com



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2-27-17

Dear Judge Boyko,

This letter is to inform you that there are people who care for Brandon Wagner, myself being one of them. Please find it in your heart to be lenient in his sentencing. He deserves a second chance to turn his life around. He is a good, loving, caring person at heart.

Sincerely,

Darius Akita





From: **darius akita** iamclevo@yahoo.com  
Subject: Brandon Wagner letter for Judge Boyko from Darius Akita  
Date: February 28, 2017 at 8:46 PM  
To: RAPesq@aol.com

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Sincerely,

Darius Akita

Sent from my keitai

2-26-17

Dear Judge Boyko,

Brandon Wagner entered my life at a very young age. In his late teenage years, Brandon used to babysit me as an infant and cared for me like I was an extension of his own. I asked that you please show mercy, hope, and compassion towards Brandon. There is a beautiful man still trapped inside himself that I've had the pleasure of experiencing first hand. Brandon Wagner deserves one last chance to turn his life around himself, his daughter, his mother and all of his friends who love and care for him deeply. Please take that into consideration when deciding the deposition of his case.

Thank you,

Amanda Drahos

From: **Amanda Drahos** mandydrahos@gmail.com  
Subject: Dear Judge Boyko  
Date: February 26, 2017 at 10:52 AM  
To: RAPesq@aol.com

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Thank you very much.



2-22-17

Dear Judge Boyko,

My name is Chad Szekelyi. I am writing on behalf of my friend Brandon Wagner. Brandon and I became friends when we were kids, during the 1980's. From the time I met him until today, I've always admired his contagious sense of humor, his creative drive and his ability to bring ideas into reality. Brandon has always excelled whatever he puts his mind to. He has drive, and a good heart and soul. I hope my writing will impact your decision.

Thank You,

Chad Szekelyi

3-1-2017

Dear Judge Boyko,

I've known Brandon for about 10 years, through the good and the bad and his gentle demeanor never changed. He knows that the drugs have made him make bad decisions and truly wants to get on the right path forward. The last time I talked to him, he could not stop talking about his daughter and what he needed to do to be a positive person in her life, she was showing a interest in music and made him so happy. So for this reason he needs a proper help not extended prison time so he can clean up and get back to his daughter.

Thank you for listening,

Joe K.

From: vonjoe01 vonjoe01@aol.com  
Subject: Dear judge Boyko  
Date: March 1, 2017 at 8:38 PM  
To: RaPesq@aol.com



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Sent via the Samsung GALAXY S@4 Active™, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone



3-1-2017

Dear Judge Boyko,

I am writing concerning a good friend of mine, Brandon Wagner. Brandon has been my friend for 10 years, and he is an incredible, truly good-hearted person.

I had a pleasure of knowing Brandon while he was clean and sober, prior to when the demons sabotaged his life. He has so much talent and potential. he is an amazing motorcycle mechanic, and while clean he excelled at his trade.

He is strong willed, I know he has strength to recover from this terrible addiction. prior to his arrest, he was getting his life back together. He was almost off of probation, was living back at home, taking care of his daughter. he was seeing his doctor regularly, and being proactive taking care of his mental health, physical health, and addiction. I believe the doctors failed him by not treating him properly, and giving him a medication combination that only fueled his addiction, rather than help it. I also believe that court system in the past has failed him. I am unsure why he's never been offered to be sent to a rehab program, like so many other fortunate people have. Prior to his arrest he was also working full time, got his license back and purchased a vehicle. His daughter needs him in her life. Without Brandon, she will have zero family.

I know the person Brandon had the potential to be. He is the type of person that would give you the shirt off of his back. He values his friends and family, and is always stepping up to help anyone out if they need him. I myself have struggled with addiction in the past. I have been clean for over 10 years, and it seems like an entire past life that I barely recall now. I know Brandon has the capability of accomplishing the same thing. This drug epidemic taking over America is evil, and everyone these days knows somebody whose life has been damaged by it. Brandon is not a perfect person, as no one is, but I believe everyone deserves a chance to recover and create a new life.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely,

Stacy Grafmeyer

From: **Stacey Grafmeyer** stace3202@hotmail.com  
Subject: Letter for Brandon Wagner  
Date: March 1, 2017 at 2:50 PM  
To: RAPesq@aol.com

SG

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Thank you so much for taking your time to read this.

Sincerely,  
Stacey Grafmeyer

3-6-2017

Dear Judge Boyko,

My name is Tim Fiorucci. I am writing you regarding my friend Brandon Wagner. I made friends with Brandon awhile ago through skateboarding and playing music.

A number of years back I attended welding school with the hopes of getting into the motorcycle industry. When I learned about Brandon was a very knowledgeable mechanic, I would pick his brain any chance I could. he eventually helped me get a job at a custom motorcycle shop owned by Jesse Bassett called Gasbox. Working with Brandon wasn't much like work at all. He was fun to be around he would have us all laughing so hard my side would hurt by the day's end. I learned a great deal from being his colleague.

Brandon has always been a great friend to me and I know he is a really good person deep down. I'm not disputing that he's made some very poor decisions, but I truly believe if given a chance he will turn his life around.

In closing, Thank You for taking the time to read my letter. I hope my letter and others you've received on Brandon's behalf have given you a good reference of the TRUE character of Brandon Wagner; whether it were big or small, would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you again for taking the time to read this letter.

Sincerely,

Tim Fiorucci



From: **Timothy Fiorucci** fiorucci.tim@gmail.com  
Subject: Dear Judge Boyko  
Date: March 6, 2017 at 8:18 PM  
To: RAPesq@aol.com

TF

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Thank you again for taking the time to read this letter.

Sincerely,

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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

The angry Teamster/David C. Starks

From: **David Starks** starksdavid@gmail.com  
Subject: Brandon Wagner  
Date: March 6, 2017 at 6:51 PM  
To: RAPesq@aol.com

DS

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Thank you for time, sincerely yours. The angry Teamster / David c. Starks



3-2-2017

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Sincerely,

Corey Rulong

From: coreyrulong26@yahoo.com  
Subject: Character reference  
Date: March 2, 2017 at 3:00 PM  
To: RAPesq@aol.com

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In my honest opinion, I believe the early tragedies that Brandon suffered had an effect on him. Losing his father at an early age disrupted his life. His beloved uncle Alvin became a father figure to him and then losing him was devastating to us all, especially young Brandon.

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Brandon is a good man with a good heart who loves his family and friends unconditionally. Granted, he has made bad choices, but everyone has myself include.

Patricia Preston  
3114 Echo Hills Road  
Bath Township, Ohio 44333  
Phone 234-466-0448



From: **Pattypreston** pattypreston@rocketmail.com  
Subject: Brandon Wagner  
Date: March 6, 2017 at 12:21 PM  
To: RAPesq@aol.com



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Please contact me if you wish

Patricia Preston  
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Sent from my iPad

2-26-17

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Respectfully,

Russell A. Sanderson IV

From: **russ sanderson** russellaiv@yahoo.com  
Subject: Brandon Wagner 2.26.2017  
Date: February 26, 2017 at 9:37 PM  
To: rapesq@aol.com

RS

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[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)



2-27-17

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From: russ sanderson russellaiv@yahoo.com  
Subject: Brandon Pt. 2  
Date: February 28, 2017 at 12:09 PM  
To: rapesq@aol.com

RS

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[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

3-5-2017

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I am writing you to ask for leniency for Brandon Wagner whom I have known since 1982. I knew him as a child and he was a good friend to my son. I have also known his family since that date. I know his mother, his daughter and also knew his grandparents.

I know him to be a caring person and a good person who has had issues with drugs like so many others have. I know he had sought out treatment for this on his own without being forced to by anyone to do it. He was before his arrest making great strides with his life.

Brandon has reconnected with his family and especially his daughter. His family has always been important to him. He was very devoted to his grandparents and his mother. Brandon has a great support system in his life. There are many people, friends, and family, who are willing to support him and be there for him. Including myself. There are people in his life that love him and care about him who want him to succeed.

I am respectfully asking you to consider leniency because he has never been the kind of person who would harm anyone but himself. He just doesn't have it in him to do that. Brandon is a good person and caring person who had a bad habit. One that he understood he could do something about and was doing so. He was moving forward with his life he loves his daughter Avril very much. He has a family that is devoted to him and true friends that care.

Please take my letter into consideration.

Donna M. Wilson  
8080 Fair Road  
Strongsville, Ohio 44149

Donna M. Wilson  
msdwilson50@gmail.com



From: Donna M. Wilson msdwilson50@gmail.com  
Subject: Brandon Wagner  
Date: March 5, 2017 at 12:36 AM  
To: RAPesq@aol.com

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Please take my letter into consideration.

Donna M. Wilson  
8080 Fair Road  
Strongsville, Ohio 44149

Donna M. Wilson  
msdwilson50@gmail.com

2-26-17

Dear Judge Boyko,

Hi, my name is Wayne Sherman.

I have known Brandon Wagner for 10 plus years. I was struggling with heroin addiction and he was the person who convinced me I needed help and dropped me off at Stella Maris Detox on April 20th, 2015. I have remained completely sober since that day Brandon took me to rehab. If it weren't for Brandon I would most likely be dead or in prison. I have helped others achieve sobriety in the process as well. To me, Brandon was a catalyst for all of this. He has a huge heart and no matter what, I'll always consider him a great friend and a good person. Please take this into consideration when deciding the disposition of his cases.

Sincerely,

Wayne Sherman

In Regards to: Brandon Wagner

My name is Joseph Hartle. I am 43 yrs old and a college graduate and work in accounting. My parents live across the street from Brandon and his mother, aunt and daughter. Brandon has been outstanding with my daughter Kaleigh, who is special needs. He taught her how to ride her bike. He has helped my parents out around their home on multiple occasions.

Brandon's daughter and my daughter are friends and he treats Kaleigh as a family member, when they are together. Brandon is very respectful of both my parents and my daughter.

I am very selective about the individuals whom I allow around my daughter and Brandon is someone who I not only allow around her, I know that he will take care of her and guide her in a positive way.

Thanks

Joseph Hartle

15658 Ashland Dr.

Brookpark, OH 44142



To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Carol Hartle. I am a senior citizen. I am married with four grown children, three of whom are adopted as older children and had been victims of abuse. We also have four grandchildren; one the youngest, Kaleigh, we watch every day after school and school breaks and occasionally on the weekends. We also have one great grandson.

We live across the street from Avril Sutherland Wagner. This is how we met Brandon Wagner. Our youngest grandchild is and has been friends with Brandon's Daughter AVeril Wagner. Our youngest granddaughter is Special Needs. She as DeGeorge Syndrome, Autism and has had a stroke in utero. The doctors said she would probably never walk (at least without a walker) and she would probably never talk. She is walking and talking after much therapy.

Avril, Brandon's daughter, is a good friend to Kaleigh. She also has lots of empathy for Kaleigh. This is how we met Brandon. At first, he came to our house to get AVRil to bring her home. He introduced himself and was polite. As we got to know him, he would help us with some small projects. Also, by bringing our rubbish cans back to our house on garbage. He cut our lawn for us when my husband, Jon, was not feeling well. One day, when I was having dinner with my older sister my sister got very ill. I called my husband to help me. Since I had the car he did not have transportation. So he called Avril's house and asked if someone could drive him to the restaurant. Brandon came over immediately to help Jon and was genuinely concerned. There have been many times that Brandon has helped us and we have never had any concerns about him.

Our granddaughter Kaleigh, was never able to learn to ride a bicycle. We had tried many times to teach her, but she has some delays on her left side due to the stroke she had. This makes it very hard for her to balance, hold on, and move her legs at the same time. Brandon felt bad when Kaleigh told him that she wished she could ride a bike. He tried to teach her on a traditional bike, to no avail. Then he remembered an old three wheel bike in his garage. Brandon fixed up the bike and had Kaleigh riding it in no time. She smiled from ear to ear and yelled across the street to me, "Grandma, I AM RIDING A BIKE!" Brandon came up with this idea and taught her to use the bike.

I guess what I am trying to say is that Brandon has always been kind and friendly to us and to our granddaughter, whom we are always very protective of. He has always been polite to us and we have NEVER had any concerns about having him in our home.

Sincerely,

*Carol Hartle*

Carol Hartle

3-2-2017

Dear Judge Boyko,

Brandon is my friend. I like him. He showed me how to ride my bike. I miss him.

From Kaleigh Hartte

From: jon hartle jonhartle@att.net  
Subject: Fw: Kaleigh Hartle's letter for Brandon Wagner  
Date: March 2, 2017 at 12:21 AM  
To: RAPesq@aol.com

JH

On Thursday, March 2, 2017 12:16 AM, "jonhartle@att.net" <jonhartle@att.net> wrote:

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Kyleigh  
Hartle

February 26, 2017

The Honorable Judge Christopher A. Boyko  
Carl B. Stokes United States Court House, Courtroom 15B  
801 West Superior Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

RE: United States of America vs. Brandon Wagner

Your Honor,

I am writing this letter as a witness to Brandon Wagner's character. I have been a lifelong friend of Brandon and the Wagner family. If there is one point that I hope to convey in this letter is that Brandon Wagner is good person who, due to his drug addiction, has done some bad things. Brandon and I both shared many hopes and dreams as teenagers but gradually succumbed to a life of drug addiction. Thankfully, in 2001, I was blessed with the opportunity to change my life at The Ed Keating Center. As a result, I have over 15 years of uninterrupted sobriety and remain active in the recovery community. I work as a Steelworker and live a wonderful life with my wife and two children.

I have known Brandon to be a good person - a remarkable person, actually. I am sure that if you talked with anyone that has known Brandon you would hear the same response, "I love that guy, it's a shame." He is a person with a genuinely good heart and an infectious charisma for life that unfortunately became distorted by drug addiction. He has countless friends and admirers that can't understand how he ended up where he is today. Brandon is truly the type of person that would give you the "shirt off his back".

Since his release from prison in 2009, I have watched Brandon try to be a father, son and a contributing member of society. We have had many heartfelt talks. I know he carried a lot of mental baggage with him that I don't believe he was able to process correctly. Ultimately, he made the mistake of using drugs and the drugs called the shots.

I have watched firsthand as this modern "heroin epidemic" has filled the Greater Cleveland rooms of recovery with more and more young men and women. I am in no way undermining the severity and tragic nature of Brandon's actions. I believe that alcoholism and drug addiction are no excuse for one's actions and one must be held accountable for breaking the law. I also believe that, from firsthand experience, once an addict hits bottom and accepts responsibility for their actions they can recover. I pray and hope that Brandon has hit his bottom. I talked to him the night he was accidentally released from the Cuyahoga County Jail and heard something different in his voice. I believe that when he turned himself in the next morning he "surrendered" in more ways than one.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Eric Becker  
4483 West 228th Street  
Fairview Park, Ohio 44126  
(440) 342-4021

2-26-17

Dear Judge Boyko,

My name is Dennis Clanton. I have known Brandon Wagner over 20 years and employed him for several years. I would just like to say that while he has his drug problem he is a very good person. He is like many people in that he has a drug problem. I dealt with Brandon for years when he was sober and he was a reliable hardworking individual with a good heart. I also knew his other side it was never violent or anything like that. If he can get sober for several years I feel Brandon can be a great, productive member of society. He is a good person with a big problem I think he can overcome.

Dennis Clanton



From: 2565601885@mypixmessages.com  
Subject:  
Date: February 26, 2017 at 7:30 PM  
To: RAPesq@aol.com



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Dear Judge Boyko,

I first met Brandon when I was around 19. I was constantly in and out of trouble, with no place to stay. At this time Brandon was a motorcycle mechanic, and responsible mentor. He took me in and let me live with him rent free, until I got myself together. In that time period I was able to work off my first car and progress exponentially. I think back on it often, and wonder where I would be had he not helped me change my situation, and most importantly, my mindset. I know Brandon as a caring, intelligent human. If there was anything I could ever do to help his situation I would do it. He was the older brother I never had, and that's why I am writing this letter. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Corey Rulong



From: coreyrulong26@yahoo.com  
Subject: Character reference  
Date: March 2, 2017 at 3:00 PM  
To: RAPesq@aol.com

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2-26-17

Dear Judge Boyko,

I am writing you on behalf of Brandon Wagner who I consider to be a close friend. Anyone who knows Brandon knows he has a brilliant mind and a big heart. He is a loving father, and esteemed musician, skilled motorcycle mechanic, and generally a pleasure to be around. It breaks my heart that such a radiant soul struggles with addiction but that is the nature of the disease, it does not discriminate. I myself was addicted to heroin for years before I surrendered my will and accepted help. 11/16/14 is my sobriety date and it's hard to believe how much my life has changed and improved since then. Everyone suffering from this disease deserves a chance to change and discover the potential within themselves. I believe if he can focus on his recovery and put his past behind him he will have so much to offer this world. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Respectfully,

Russell A. Sanderson IV

2-27-17

Dear Judge Boyko,

After sending my first letter I thought more about the matter and realized I left out an important detail to consider. When I was at the worst point in my addiction days before I made the decision to get sober, I was pink slipped and placed in a rehab which I walked out of hours after being admitted. When Brandon heard the news that I left, he not only encouraged me to go back, he to my family where to find me. I hated him for that at the time but if it weren't for him letting them know where I would be, I don't think I would have made it back to treatment. I didn't want to be sober. My plan was to get as high as possible with the hope of not waking up to my situation again. I am eternally grateful for everyone who played a part in my sobriety and I consider Brandon to be one of them. Brandon never enabled or encouraged my using. Even though he was sick with the same disease, he hated seeing me doing it to myself. He expressed to me countless times how he didn't want to see me end up like him. It was pretty clear he resented his disease but did not see a way out, and I am familiar with that feeling of powerlessness. Once again, thank you for reading.

Respectfully,

Russell A. Sanderson IV